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SCH # 2011081079

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Section 21092 Public Resources Code)

Project Title: PG&E Point Buchon Ocean Bottom Seismometer Project

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location: Offshore San Luis Obispo County between Point Buchon and Point San Luis, including the Point Buchon Marine Protected Area, in state waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of (1) placing two temporary and four long-term scientific data-recording instruments, called Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) units, and one associated connecting power/data cable onto the seafloor, and (2) the extension of an existing PVC conduit that would house the cable within the intertidal area of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) intake embayment. The new power/data cable would be installed through the new conduit extension and existing conduit to onshore recording equipment that would be housed in an existing DCPP building. The proposed temporary OBS units, which are scheduled to be deployed for two 2-week periods, would record ambient sound and seafloor movement to assess background conditions. The long-term OBS units would record earthquake-generated ground movement and sound data and continually transmit real-time data to an onshore facility for up to 10 years. OBS placement is tentatively scheduled for November, 2011.

Please note that the Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project (CCCSIP) (SCH# 2011061085), a 3-dimensional near- and offshore geophysical survey project also proposed by PG&E, is a separate project with independent utility and will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) currently in development. More information on this project is available on the CSLC website (see below).

Contact Person: Jennifer DeLeon (see contact information below)

An Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), identified as State Clearinghouse No. 2011081079, have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC] § 21000 et seq.). The review period begins **Tuesday, August 23, 2011**, and ends **Thursday, September 22, 2011**. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent within 30 days and must be received or postmarked by **Thursday, September 22, 2011**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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NOTE: If comments are faxed or sent by e-mail (Microsoft Word format), please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.

The above-mentioned document is scheduled to be considered for adoption at a meeting of the CSLC, currently scheduled for October 27, 2011, at 10:00AM in the Sacramento Area (please note that this is subject to change). The exact date and location of this meeting will be posted on the CSLC website: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>.

If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy or CD of this Notice and the proposed IS/MND, please contact Jennifer DeLeon at the above address, by phone (916) 574-0748, or e-mail at Jennifer.DeLeon@slc.ca.gov. Copies of this Notice will also be available at the CSLC's Sacramento office (address above) and on the CSLC web page: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/> (under the "Information" tab and "CEQA Updates" link).

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